

**In order to create and maintain a safe, inclusive space where we can put our Unitarian Universalist Principles into practice, we, the members of the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield agree to the following covenant:**

We respect each other and foster personal growth and learning by...

- Cultivating joy in our smiles and kindness by our words and actions
- Listening first and honoring others' views
- Assuming good intent, even as we may disagree
- Striving always to communicate clearly, directly, and kindly

We will celebrate the diversity of every person's journey by...

- Learning and working to empower the voices of those who feel silenced
- Avoiding assumptions about others' news or life experiences
- Honoring meaningful events and milestones in each life
- Creating a space where all are free to find meaning and purpose together

We will work together to support ALL the ministries of our Society by...

- Showing up - Giving our time, our resources and our passion
- Supporting leadership while understanding we share responsibility
- "Energizing the positive" in both big and small ways
- Sharing the duty to care for and maintain our spaces and our planet

We understand that this covenant is only meaningful when we see it as an ongoing effort to live our shared principles, however imperfectly. We are willing to call each other and ourselves to return to our covenant as needed.

We agree to walk together with courage, speak our own truth and express our best selves while always Standing on the Side of Love.